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TO AMEMBASSY CONAKRY

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TAGS: CPRS, PFOR, US, GV

SUBJECT: BUTTES' EXPLANATION OF "ARTIC SEAL" SEIZURE

REF: STATE 282254; CONAKRY 1969; FREETOWN 02519

1. DESK OFFICER HAD CONVERSATION WITH BUTTES REP. WALSH, JANUARY 3, CONCERNING DETENTION OF "ARTIC SEAL". WALSH AFFIRMED THAT MISUNDERSTANDING WAS ENTIRELY THE FAULT OF TEXAS INSTRUMENTS' REPRESENTATIVE ABOARD VESSEL. COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE INSISTED SHIP LEAVE CONAKRY HARBOR WITHOUT OBTAINING PROPER PRIOR CLEARANCE. GUINEAN AUTHORITIES WERE UNDERSTANDABLY CONFUSED AND DISPATCHED NAVAL VESSEL TO INTERCEPT "ARTIC SEAL" AND RETURN IT TO PORT FOR CLARIFICATION OF ITS INTENTIONS. WALSH DECLARED THAT GOG AUTHORITIES WERE COURTEOUS AT ALL TIMES AND TOOK STANDARD PROCEDURES THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN USED BY US COAST GUARD HAD SIMILAR INCIDENT OCCURRED IN US WATERS.

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2. WALSH SAID BUTTES HAS MADE STRONG REPRESENTATION TO

TEXAS INSTRUMENTS CONCERNING INCIDENT. BUTTES HAS  
PREPARED A LETTER OF EXPLANATION AND APOLOGY TO APPRO-  
PRIATE GOG AUTHORITIES, WHICH WILL BE FORWARDED VIA  
GUINEA EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON. WALSH PROMISED TO SEND  
COPIES TO AF/W AND EMBASSY CONAKRY. KISSINGER

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